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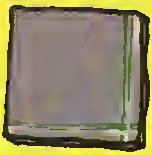

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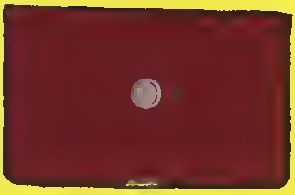

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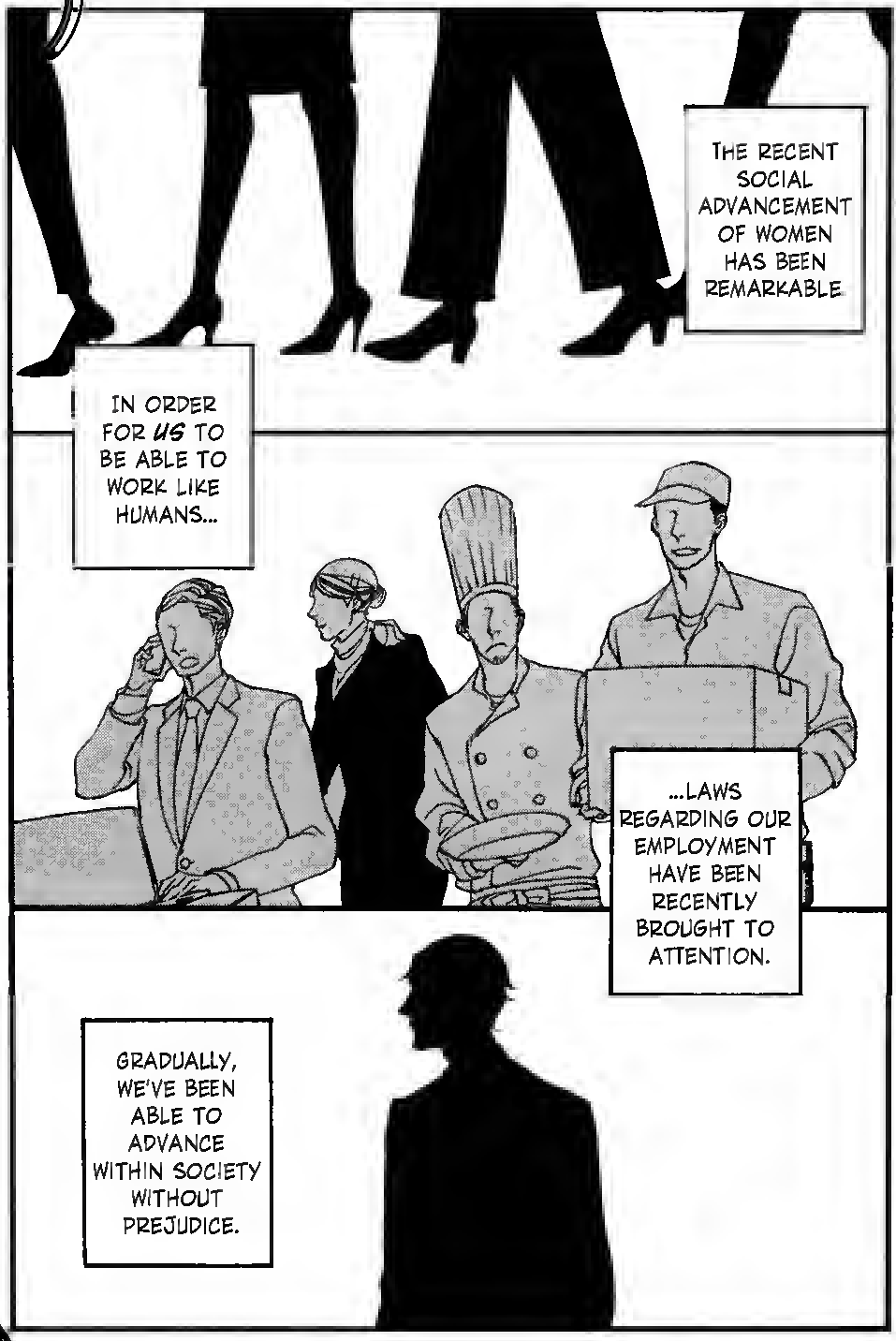
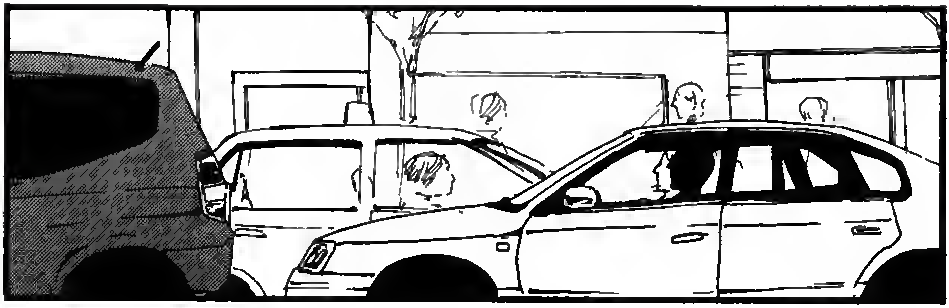
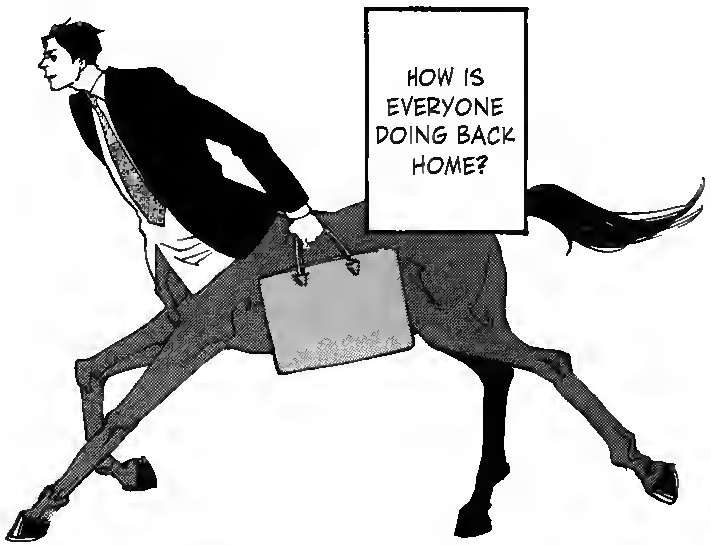

THE RECENT SOCIAL ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN HAS BEEN REMARKABLE.
IN ORDER FOR *US* TO BE ABLE TO WORK LIKE HUMANS...
...LAWS REGARDING OUR EMPLOYMENT HAVE BEEN RECENTLY BROUGHT TO ATTENTION.
GRADUALLY, WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO ADVANCE WITHIN SOCIETY WITHOUT PREJUDICE.

Oh, no. I'm running late!
Ack! I forgot to buy bread!
I guess this will have to do.

ギャロップ!!

GALLOP!!

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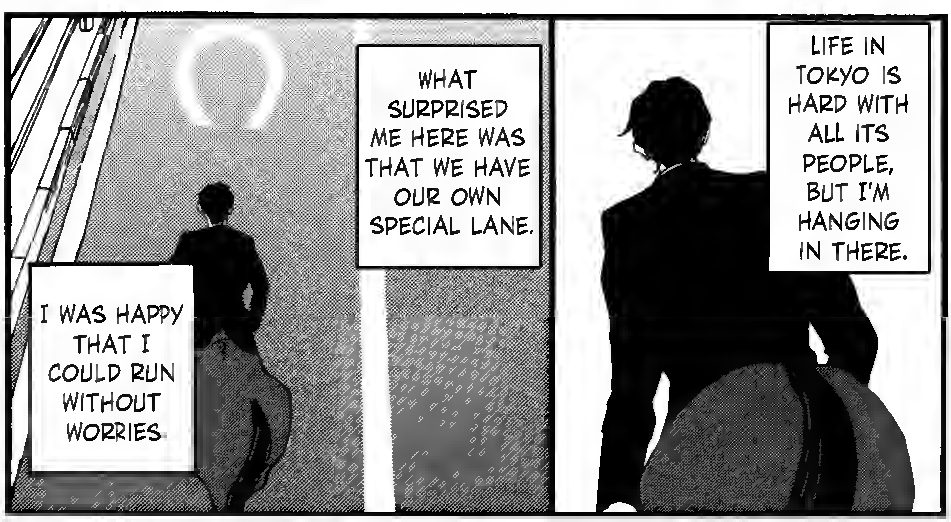
I WAS HAPPY THAT I COULD RUN WITHOUT WORRIES.
WHAT SURPRISED ME HERE WAS THAT WE HAVE OUR OWN SPECIAL LANE.
LIFE IN TOKYO IS HARD WITH ALL ITS PEOPLE, BUT I'M HANGING IN THERE.

.....
ELEVATORS ARE STILL AN OBSTACLE, THOUGH.
I TAKE THE STAIRS EVERY DAY, SO I'M WORRIED ABOUT THE SUMMER.
HUFF
HUFF
Ow!
SALES DEPARTMENT
Good morning!
Climbing eight flights of stairs is hard.

THIS MAN IS MY SENIOR COLLEAGUE.
HE'S STRICT, BUT DEPENDABLE.
New hires should be the first to arrive!
I... I'm sorry.
You came here running at full speed again, didn't you?!
Huh?!
You...!
Yes?
You can't wipe your own sweat, so don't come here all sweaty!

Geez...
I told you, first impressions are important for a salesman.
I'm really sorry...
.....
Do you have any deodorant?
It's in my briefcase.
What?!
How dare you carry a Cordovan leather briefcase!

I'll run since the trains are still crowded at this time.
Will you be taking the train?
It's only two stations, but it'll be faster.
We're heading out for work.
I printed out a map, so I'll be fine.
Do you know the location?
OK. See you there!

You better not run at full speed!
...speed walking!
I'll trot my way there.
What?
Oh, I mean...
Say that from the start!

Well, then.
Please, just a minute.
We appreciate your continued support.
I'll introduce you two next time.
You might be acquaintances.
I look forward to it.
Hidaka in Hokkaido.
Where are you from?
Really? We also have someone here from Hidaka.

You have a really fine coat.
Still...
You don't need to say it!
My colleague sometimes grooms-
Yes.

Let's go out for drinks today!
It's great we were able to set up a contract.
Phew!

Two beers!
OK!
I'm sorry for always troubling you.
About what?
Standing up, to drink with me...
Huh? Even if you weren't here...
...I *like* to stand when I drink.
Two beers!
Here's to a good day's work!

Our business partners are always curious about you.
A harness making company.
You really found a good place to work for.
Well, even without that, you're a hard worker.
Don't act shy. It's disgusting.
Umm...

HIC!
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And your education? Many of you are so naive.
In my case, it's because I'm from the countryside.
Well, your generation is basically ...
Um, you know...
So, our measure of maturity is different, too.
So? How old are you?
I never asked, but how old are you?
Well, it's hard to measure since we live longer and age differently.
Did you live in a pasture?
Huh? What's with that image?
I lived in a house. Some were semi-wild though.

Around... fifty?
That's like an old man!
That's why I said that we measure maturity differently.
My birthday is also unclear.
Huh? You don't even know your own birthday?
It was around spring, I think...
Then, your birthday just passed. OK, let's drink to it!

What are you saying?
Yeah! Let's go for another round!
We made a sale!
You've gotten completely drunk.
Yes, yes. Are you OK? Want me to take you home on my back?
Please stop that. It hurts.
Is this what they call *workplace bullying*?
You stink like a horse, so no.
Please get on!
No!
END

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HELLO, EVERYONE. I'M AFRAID I HAVEN'T INTRODUCED MYSELF YET.
MY NAME IS KENTARO. I'M JUST AN ORDINARY KENTAUR WORKING IN TOKYO.
THIS YEAR'S SUMMER IS ESPECIALLY HOT FOR SOMEONE BORN IN HOKKAIDO.
HUFF
HUFF
PARTICULARLY WHEN CLIMBING THESE STAIRS...
I can't stand this anymore...

It'll be a pain in this heat.
At any rate, the young ones have it tough.
What? We're moving to a new building?!
Yeah. It'll be a huge floor in some other building.
So, we'll be moving.
How strong are you?
?
Well, about the same as a horse.
.....

You're free, right?
?

This is cruelty to...
Did you say something?
Didn't you say, I'm happy to be of service?
This is workplace bullying.
The elevator here is quite spacious.
Hey, look.
Do I really have to carry these upstairs?
Don't want to?

IT'S BIG...
HOW SHOULD I PUT THIS...?
WITH THIS, I CAN COMMUTE TO WORK WITHOUT GETTING DRENCHED IN SWEAT.
I GET NERVOUS IN A CROWDED ELEVATOR, BUT IT'S BETTER THAN TAKING THE STAIRS.

?!
SOMEONE'S TOUCHING MY BUTT!

Not again...
Today, too!
It happened again today!
IS THIS A SO-CALLED MOLESTER?!
You know...
You should report that kind of thing sooner

...I saw a television program on wrongfully convicted molesters.
I don't want to ruin someone's life like that.
But...
What?!
Then, I'll help you catch the right culprit.
What? If you *like* having your butt rubbed, I won't ***butt*** in.
We'll ride the elevator together tomorrow.
But...

Then, it's decided.
I don't have such hobbies!

Listen up. When the culprit touches your ass...
...cough so I'll know.
IT'S THE MOLESTER!

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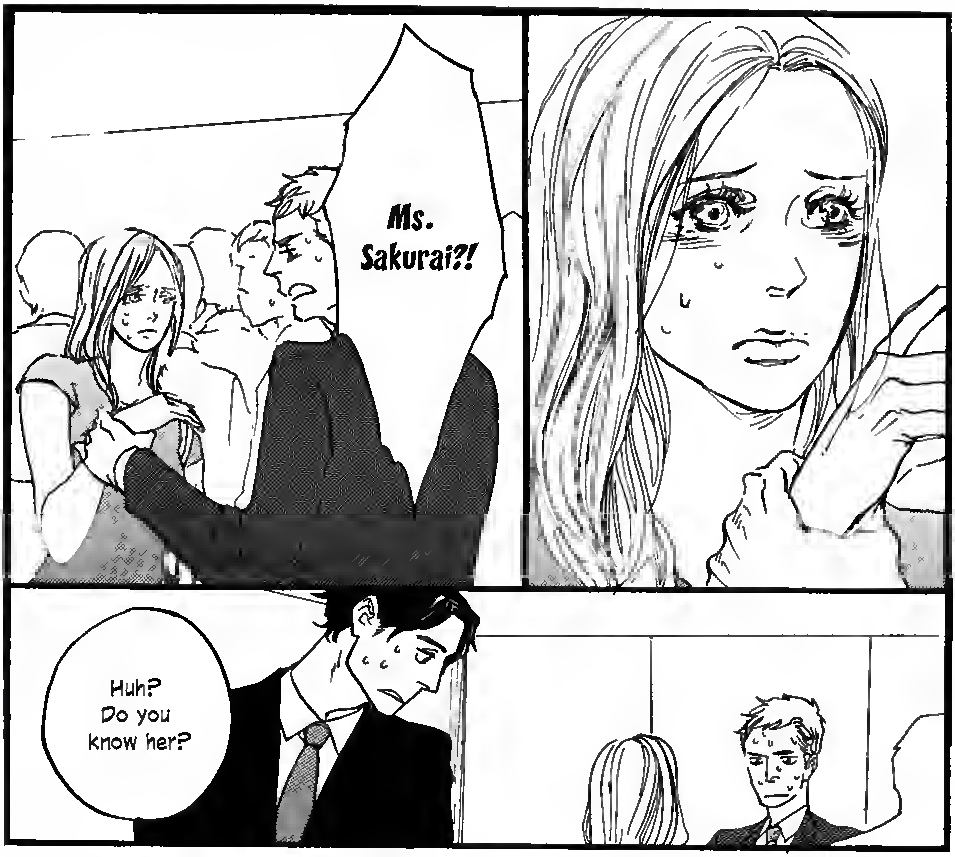
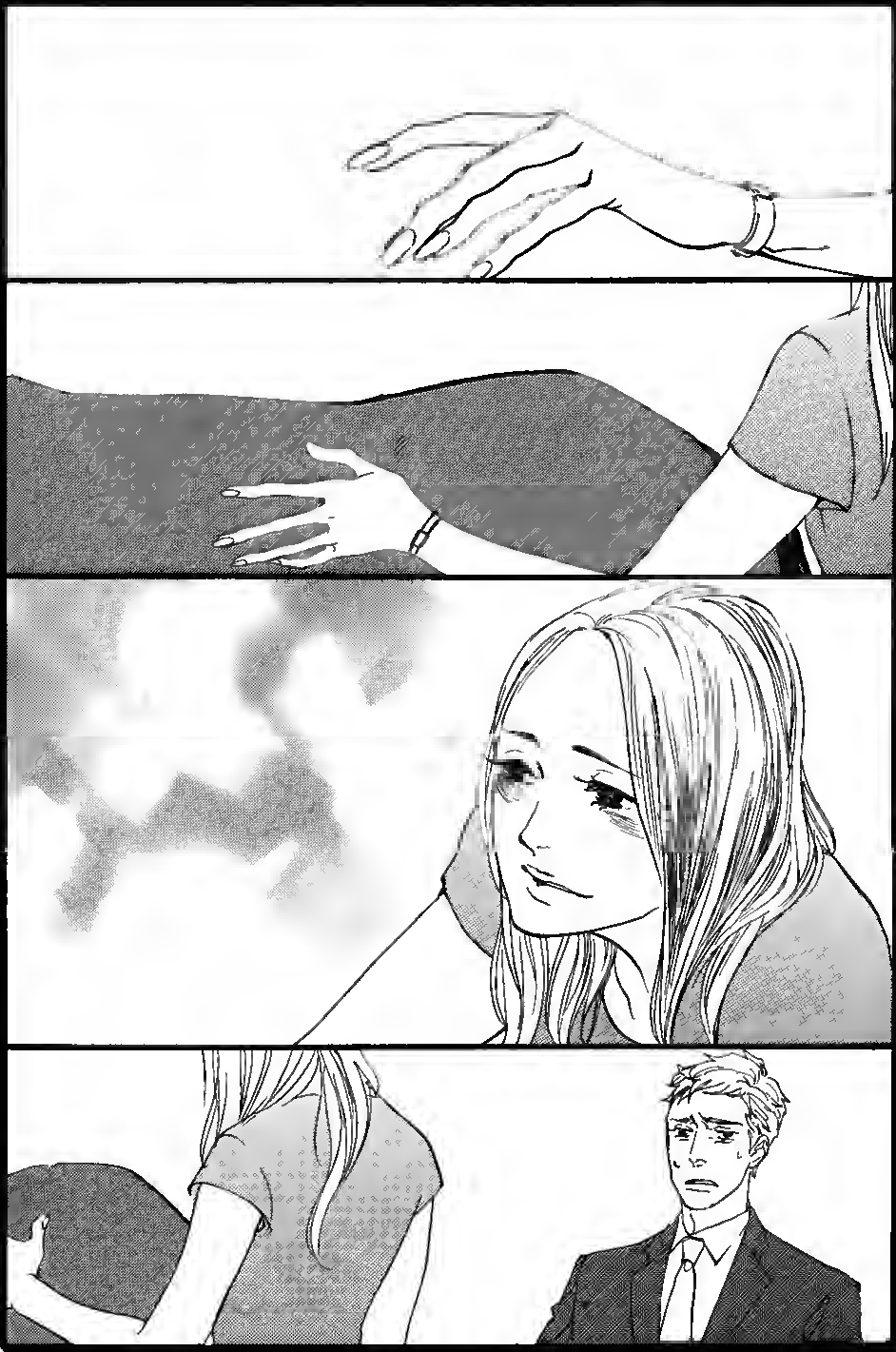
What do you think you're doing?!


Ms. Sakurai?!
Huh? Do you know her?

She's a senior colleague.

Shut up.
.....
Please, cheer up...
I've admired her since I joined this company.
How the hell would you know how I feel?
I'm sorry... I'm really sorry!
I'll mince you into horse meat!
It's true that I wouldn't understand your feelings...
...when the woman you admired turned out to be a molester...

Horseback riding... is my hobby. I love horses.
I, um... didn't mean anything weird by it.
Then why...?
I couldn't help touching such a beautiful coat.
Then...
If you had told me that beforehand, I wouldn't have minded.
Really?
I see...



No way in hell.
Why don't you take up horseback riding, too?
You can have a riding date with Ms. Sakurai.
You...
That way, you won't mind when I ask, Want to ride on my back?
Someday, I'll...
...turn you into a Cordovan suitcase!
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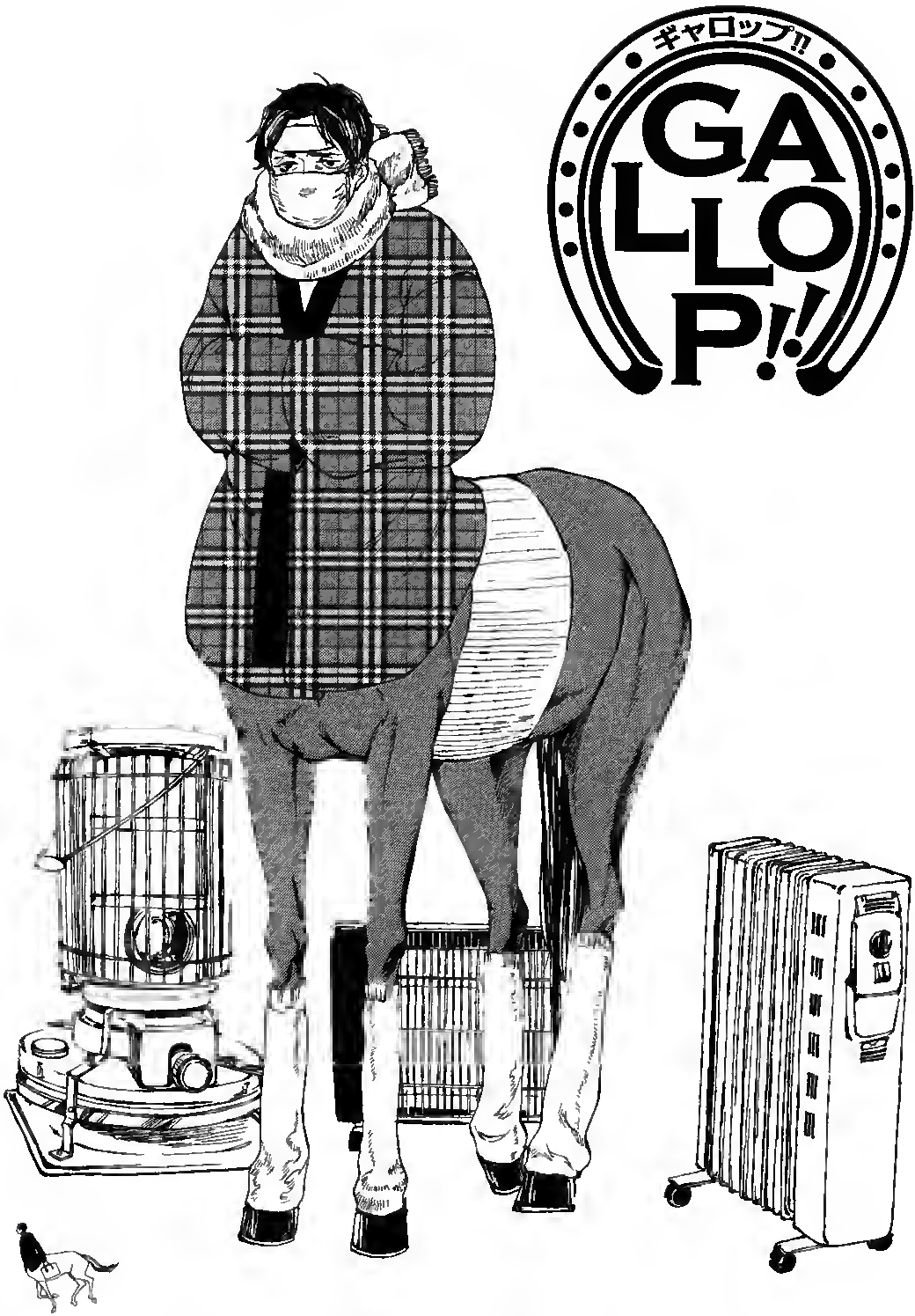
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GALLOP!!

Ughhh...
...and my throat tickles...
My head hurts...
This has never happened before.
My joints ache and I feel cold.
Could this be...?

Yes. I'm sorry.
It's fine. It'd be a mess if you passed it around.
What?! You've caught a cold?!
So, even Kentauros catch colds?
Yes, we do.
Are you eating properly?
No. There's nothing in my house.
I bet you're not taking medicine either, right?
For now, just go to sleep.
I'll stop by when I'm off work.

This must be it.
...Kopo Caballo...
It's somehow...
...different from what I had imagined.
Like a stable or something...
Caballo
Coming!
PIN-PON

I'm sorry to have you come all this way.
Why are you naked?!
Oh. It's not what you think.
I was getting ready to change, since I was covered in sweat.
Somehow, you look like the *mythical* Kentauros.
The ones in the forest
Oh, no. Please don't say that!
That wasn't really a compliment.
Why are you embarrassed?!

Thought so. That's why I bought things I thought you'd like.
Got any appetite?
Not really...
Don't be stupid!
Whatever the case, this is...
Don't tell me, you still think of me as a horse?
Is that what you *really* think?
Sick people need vitamins! Carrots are the best thing for that!

Your place is really made for a Kentaur, huh.
The height is different from ordinary apartments.
.....
Lemme borrow your kitchen.
?
Is your bedroom also customized?
Well, yes. Though it's very ordinary.
The landlord had it renovated.
Apparently it was funded by the government.
That's cool. I didn't know.
What? You can't.
It's really messy right now.
Your idea of ordinary is not ordinary.
Can I see it?

It really is messy...
Didn't I tell you...?!
What would I do with straw?!
...and ordinary. You don't use straw?
Where do you take your temperature?
Then, go to sleep.
No good. I think my fever's going up.
No, I wasn't!
Hurry and go to sleep!
You're not thinking of the rear, are you?
It's the armpit The armpit!

Sorry, I just...
Whoa! Don't sneak up on me like that!

This gives me a nostalgic feeling.
Do you get sick that often?
Last time I was sick...
...someone also looked after me like this.
No way. It's *very* strong!
I think it was, 27 years ago? My fever wouldn't go down.
My immune system's not very strong.

In the past, I lived together with many people.
Huh?
This is kind of nice.
Having someone come to my house.
Sometimes, I was so lonely that I thought of returning home.
Since coming to Tokyo, many things have been different.
I was so busy that I didn't have time to make friends.
...I felt unusually lonely.
Today, too. When I was all alone...

Your cold just made you weak. After you eat, you'll feel better.
It's really great...
...that you came to visit me today.

If you don't recover soon, it'll affect business.
This is the least I can do as a senior colleague.
Um...
There are so many carrots, I can't see the udon.
Just shut up and eat!

So I understand how you feel.
I also came to Tokyo all alone.
I'll help you out.
If anything's bothering you, just tell me.

Um...
This udon... is full of *half-cooked carrots*.
Yes?
Stop complaining about every damn little thing!

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くし
AH-CHOO
I must have caught your cold.
Ughhh...
Are you all right?
Should I go to your place and nurse you?
You wouldn't fit into my place.
I'll make you carrot udon.
END

ONE OF THE THREE SACRED TREASURES OF A BUSINESSMAN. A BUSINESS CARD!

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WHEN I HAD MY FIRST PERSONAL BUSINESS CARD MADE...

...I TREMBLED IN EXCITEMENT AT BEING A MEMBER OF SOCIETY.

HAVING SUCH AN EMOTIONAL ATTACHMENT TO BUSINESS CARDS...

...I ALSO LOVE LOOKING AT THE BUSINESS CARDS I RECEIVE FROM OTHERS.

Akihiko Mitsui
Takayuki
Yu Onishi
Kawashima
Daisuke Yamasaki
Hiroshi Okamoto
Masashi Ito
Kohei Taniguchi
Kenji Nosaka

Why are there so many ways to write Nabe in Watanabe?

You're right.

The same for Sai in Saito.

How do you read this?

Isn't it spelled out on the back side?

ギャロップ!!
GALLOP!!

Well, Kentaro is very common.
What are some common names for Kentauros?
Hmm. I wonder...
Kentaro of the Kentauros does have a big impact.
It's important to have one that's easy to remember.
You guys are pretty casual about something that'll stick with you your entire life.
You say you're not horses, yet refer to them.
Yuuma, Shunma, or Haruma, for instance.
Names using the character *ma* for horse are also common.

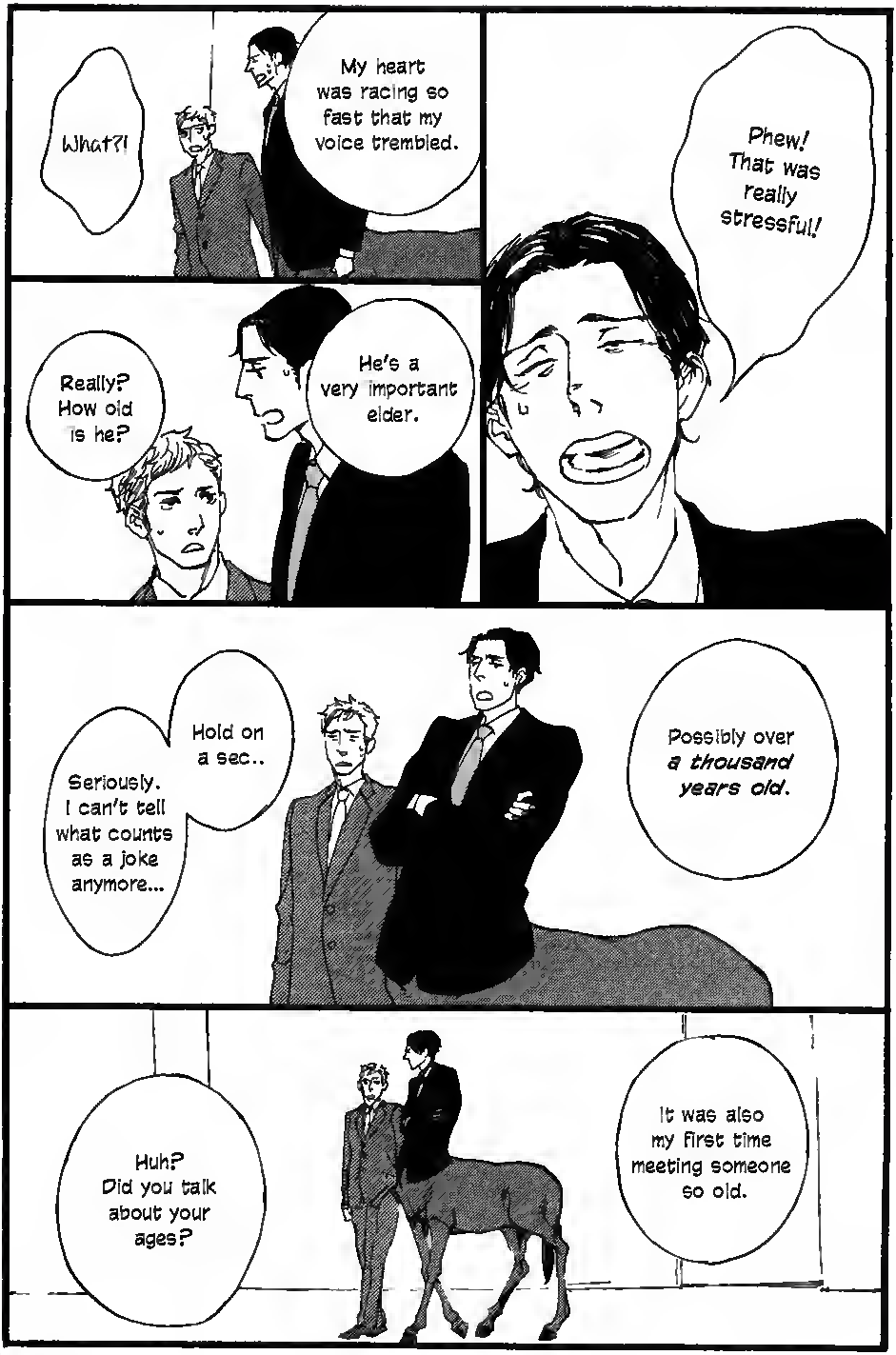
Well, it might be the case for humans.
It's not something that will stick forever.
Huh?
It is a major custom for us...
...to take on all the names that humans give us as our own.
Our names change according to age, or the place we belong.
Looks like your world has also become quite complicated.
We have to document them all properly.
However, it's been quite troublesome lately.

What? So it's my fault?!
This happened because I got caught up in your story!
We have a business meeting at one!
Huh?!
It's already this late!
No, we're fine.
You'll be running, right?
Yes.
We didn't forget anything, right?
Huh?! But I have to...
You better not run at full speed!
It's gonna be a hassle if you sweat!

Please wait here a moment.
The person in charge is on his way.
Excuse me.
I'm sorry for keeping you waiting.
Please, don't get all tensed up! This is not your first time seeing this!

My name is Kentaro Hidaka.
We appreciate you taking time out of your busy schedule today.
I belong to the main product department.
It is a pleasure to meet you.
My name is Krusche-Michele-Henri-Yugo-Jose-Maria-Jorge-Hermoso-Diego-Antonio-Tawa-Yurack-Amauta-Mario-Angel-Leonardo-Charleston-Johnny-Shirokoma-Soma-Shanti.

What a long name...
He seems more into it than usual.
Huh?
Thank you very much.


What?!
My heart was racing so fast that my voice trembled.
Phew! That was really stressful!
Really? How old is he?
He's a very important elder.
Hold on a sec..
Seriously. I can't tell what counts as a joke anymore...
Possibly over *a thousand years old*.
Huh? Did you talk about your ages?
It was also my first time meeting someone so old.

Please take a look at this.
His business card?
How did you know how old he was?
Saying that all in one breath, there's no way I can do it.
Just like *Jugemu*.
One name equals an average of 50 years.
There are exceptions but...
Krusche-Michele-Henri-Yugo-Jose-Maria-Jorge-Hermoso-Diego-Antonio-Tawa-Yurack-Amauta-Mario-Angel-Leonardo-Charleston-Johnny-Shirokoma-Soma-Shanti.
That person was really interesting.
I see. So there are humans with names like that as well.
Jugemu?
Another person with a really long name.
For someone who's lived so long, you're sure ignorant.

His Spanish name then became a Quechua name.
He might have accompanied the expedition with Pizarro.
Then he went to Spain and took on the name, Jose.
I think he originated in France.
Most likely after the war, since his Japanese name is the second-to-last name.
From there, he crossed into Japan.
...and lived in America for a while.
His Spanish name changes to English
From there, he traveled north past Mexico...
He could've just omitted them. How troublesome.
Aside from understanding it, his background is really impressive...
He traveled all over the world
You can roughly determine his background like this.
Amazing, isn't it?

Everyone receives them from those closest to them.
Those were precious names given to him by humans!
That's impossible!
We must someday part from the humans who are close to us, but the names given to us will always stay with us.
...is because we have a long lifespan.
This is what I was told... The reason we receive names...
Are you all right?
Please stop.
I'm really sensitive to these kinds of stories.
I feel like crying

Who knows? I will probably come to want them.
Will you also have a long name someday?
For now, I don't want to think about that.
That is still a long ways away.
Are you sure? Is a name that easy to take on?
That's not good, is it?
I've troubled you quite a bit.
Oh, but it might be nice to receive one from you.

Really?!
You seem to be showing improvement recently.
So you're saying that I'm not your role model?
That's not what I meant!
Please don't sulk!
After meeting that important elder, I felt as if I wanted to be like him, too.

You have plans? How unusual.
Heh heh heh. Actually...
I'm sorry. Today is a bit...
Let's go out and drink today!
He's been unexpectedly supportive.
...I have plans to have drinks with Mr. Shanti.
I'm sorry for making you wait! The train was delayed.
Don't tell me, you're jealous?
You're wrong.
No way.
Let's go together.
How can you say that?!
You probably want to talk as fellow horses.
While eating grass or something

I have also just arrived because of that.
It's a popular place...
...so we should hurry.
H-Hey!
Wait up!

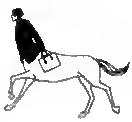
You guys run too fast!
Want to get on?
No way in hell!

END

KENTARO'S RAMBLINGS

ON KENTAUROS

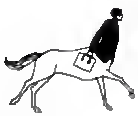
WE KENTAUROS ARE PEOPLE FROM ANCIENT GREECE, BUT IT'S BEEN SAID THAT WE WERE ONLY IMAGINED BY THE GREEKS WHEN THEY FIRST SAW HUMANS RIDING HORSES. OUR ANCESTORS HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH HUMANS SINCE LONG, LONG AGO. THOUGH OF COURSE, THIS HAS NOT BEEN RECORDED IN HISTORY BOOKS OR TEXTBOOKS.

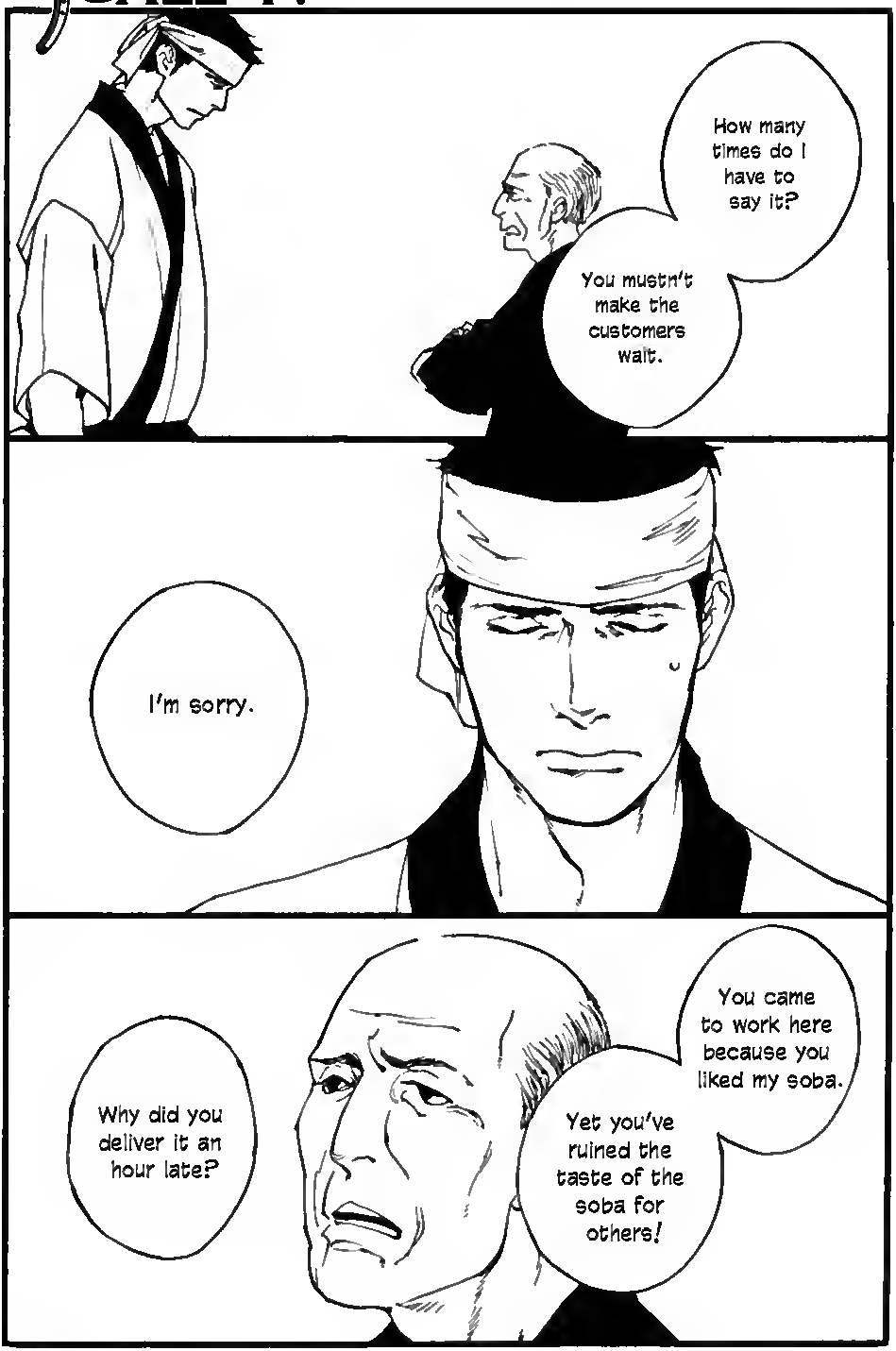


KENTARO'S RAMBLINGS

ON ACTING IN MOVIES

WE HAVE RECENTLY BEEN APPEARING IN FANTASY MOVIES INCESSANTLY. THE MOVIE MY FRIENDS APPEARED IN WAS REALLY COOL. TO SUCCEED IN AN ACTION FILM, YOU MUST HAVE GOOD REFLEXES. STYLE IS ALSO VERY IMPORTANT. IF THERE IS EVER A MOVIE ABOUT A KENTAUR SALARYMAN, I WANT TO ACT IN IT. WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE TITLE, *SECTION CHIEF, KENTARO HIDAKA*?




How many times do I have to say it?
You mustn't make the customers wait.
I'm sorry.
You came to work here because you liked my soba.
Yet you've ruined the taste of the soba for others!
Why did you deliver it an hour late?

...and was caught for speeding.
I tried to deliver it as fast as I could...
Don't talk back!
I am not a horse, I'm a Ken-
Whether you're a horse or a person, I told you to mind to the speed limit!

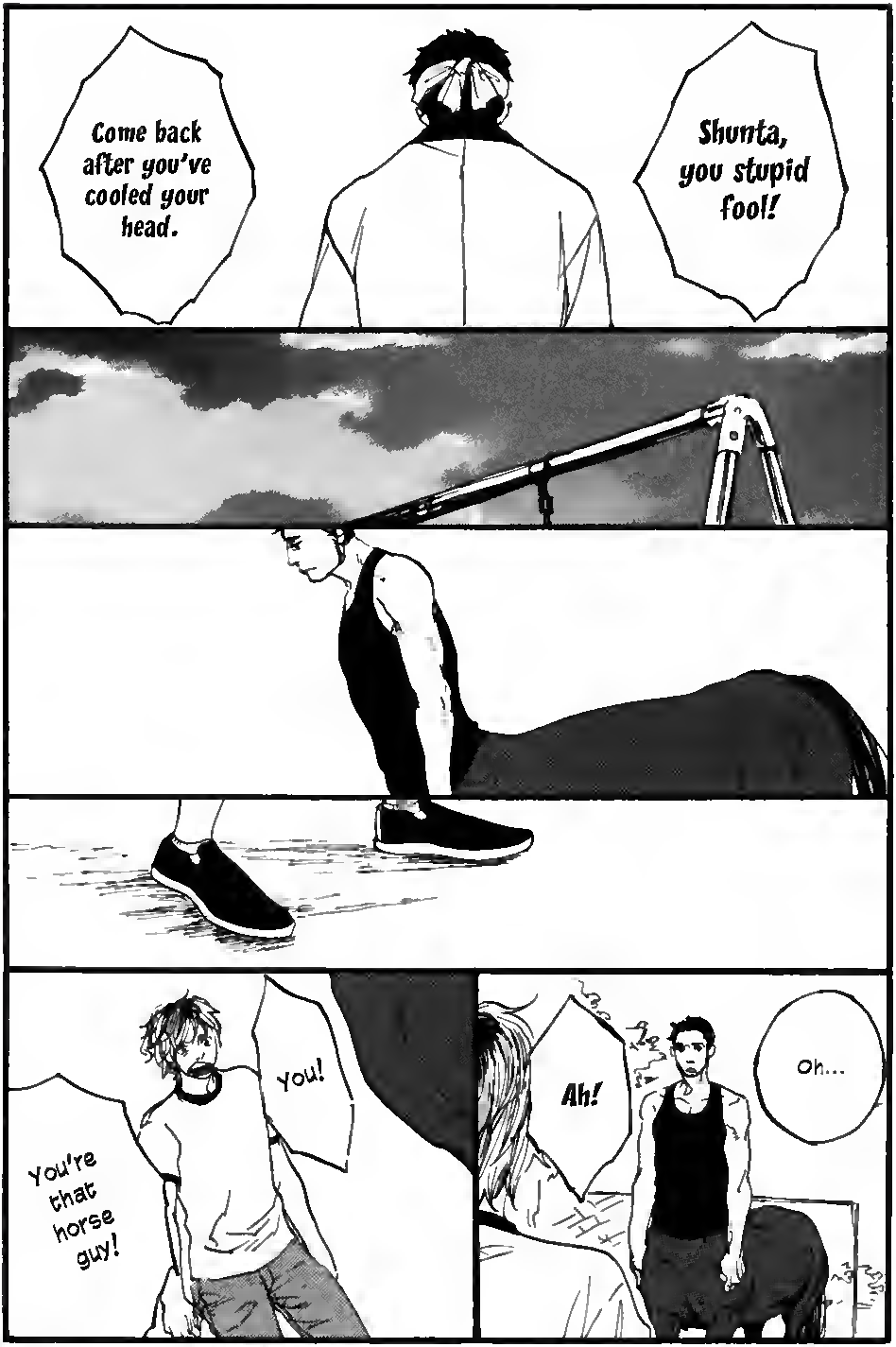
ギャロップ!!
GALLOP!!

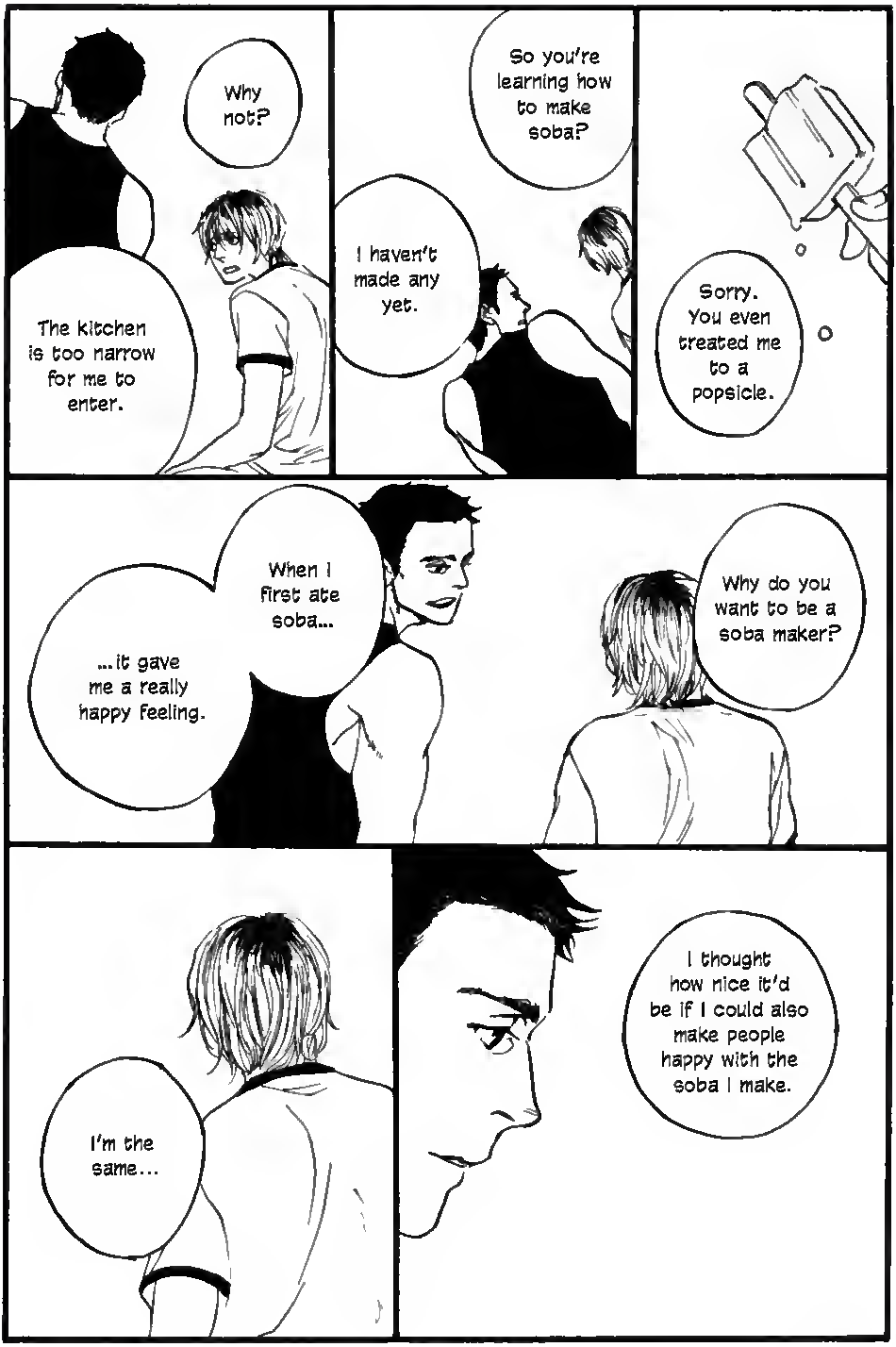
Cheer up, Shunta.
My father said some harsh things, but he's just worried about you.
I'm sorry. You let me stay, yet I've only been a burden.
Here.
ZARU
MURI
TEMPURA
SUMMER SPECIALS
YAMS GRATED
You're in the way!
That's all right.
...
...but since the kitchen is so narrow, you can't even enter.
I also apologize... You came here wanting to learn how to make soba...
Y-Yes!
Don't just loiter around! Go make the next delivery!

I'm going!
I'M WORKING AT A SOBA SHOP TO LEARN HOW TO MAKE SOBA.
HOWEVER, I'M STILL PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE KITCHEN.
I WONDER WHEN I'LL BE ABLE TO MAKE SOBA.

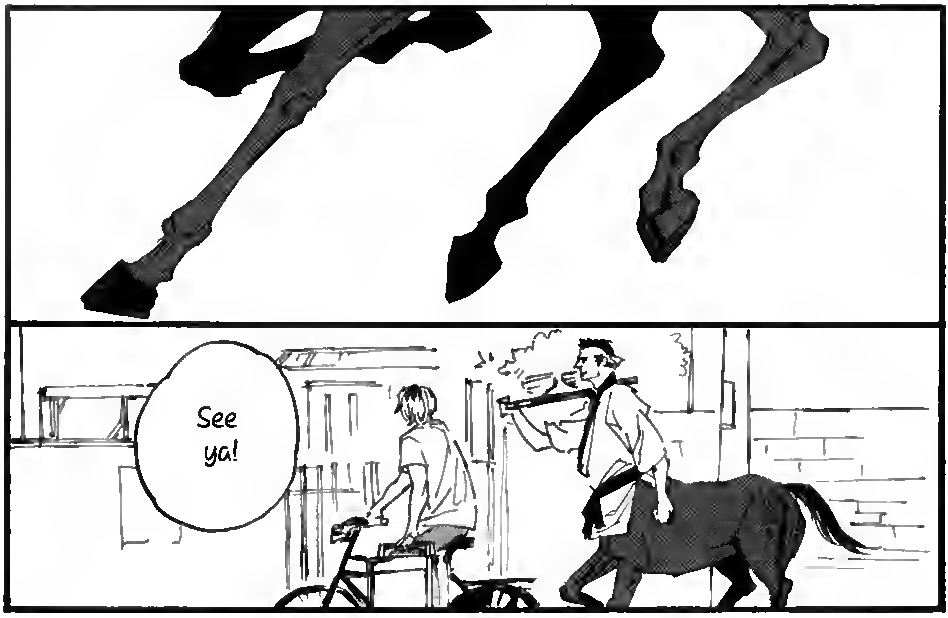
Watch out!

You idiot! Watch where you're going!
You...


Come back after you've cooled your head.
Shunta, you stupid fool!
You're that horse guy!
You!
Ah!
Oh...


Why not?
The kitchen is too narrow for me to enter.
So you're learning how to make soba?
I haven't made any yet.
Sorry. You even treated me to a popsicle.
When I first ate soba...
...it gave me a really happy feeling.
Why do you want to be a soba maker?
I'm the same...
I thought how nice it'd be if I could also make people happy with the soba I make.

I also want to make people smile...
...with the ramen I make.
My dream is to someday open my own shop.
Me, too!


See ya!

Be careful!
I'm leaving!
What's wrong?

Damn it!
The tires...
...on my bike popped.
At this rate...
...the ramen will get stale!

The one with two dogs?
ISHIDA
Yeah.
Where do you need to go?
The Ishida house on Third Street.
I'm heading to the Matsuoka's house next door!

Get on!

If we don't hurry, both the soba and ramen will become stale!

Y-
Y-
You're going too fast!

Guess what? I'll be taking over a shop
A friend of mine is letting go of his shop so I thought I'd take it over
I'll also need someone to help me out
What?! Really?
That's great! Congratulations!
What?!
...do you want to open a shop together?
If it's all right with you...

It's just that you were the first person that came to mind.
I understand that you want to make soba.
Please let me think about it.
What's wrong?
You look like you have something to say.

Is it good?
It's delicious.
Eat. You must be hungry, right?
You won't get anything out of flattering me.
Your soba is the best in the world.
I see. Opening a shop together, is it?

I want to see the happy faces of those who eat my soba.
What made you think...
...that you wanted to make soba?
It's the same.
No.
Can't you do that with ramen?
There is no other business that provides such happiness.
To make people happy with delicious food...
Even if it's just a little, I want to make people happy with my ramen.

Thank you very much!
If there's someone who needs you, go.
I'll just have to buy a new bike to make deliveries.
I'm sorry that I couldn't let you make soba.
You're welcome to come eat soba any time.
It must be a big shop if you can stand in the kitchen.

ラーメン
RAMEN
One Chashu ramen!
Tonkotsu ramen with soy sauce please!
Yes, coming up!
A second serving, please.
Yes!
The boiled egg is done.
Can I have some water?
Thank you for the food.
It was delicious!
Thank you very much!

What are you grinning about?
Man, I'm beat!
I can't help it, I'm happy.
Y-
You idiot!

What? I can't carry any more weight!
I'm tired, so take me home.
I want to hurry up and go to the bathhouse.
You better get out today before I do.

END

Those are nice shoes.
Aren't they? They were made at Will's workshop.
Oh, I know that place.
That place has great craftsmen.
My old man also likes the shoes from there.

It's about time you took a break.
I brought tea.

Thanks.
Yeah.

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Hey.
Hey, you!

Oh, sorry.
Move. I can't get in.
Are you here to buy shoes?
How nice.
?
No. This is my house.

He's here again.
Go out and see what he wants.
What are you doing?

Why?
Because I like them.
I'm looking at the shoes.
Even though you can't wear them?

What a strange person.
He came again. Even if he can't wear them, he likes shoes.
It looks like he really likes them.
Hey.

What?
Come around the back.
Over here.
There's more space in the workshop.
My, my. Is he a friend?
No, he's not.

All our shoes are made here.
How amazing.

What?!
I want to become a shoemaker.
Strange, right? Since I can't wear them myself.
No, it's not.
I also know someone who designs women's lingerie.
There are men who make women's shoes and craftsmen who make hats they don't wear.

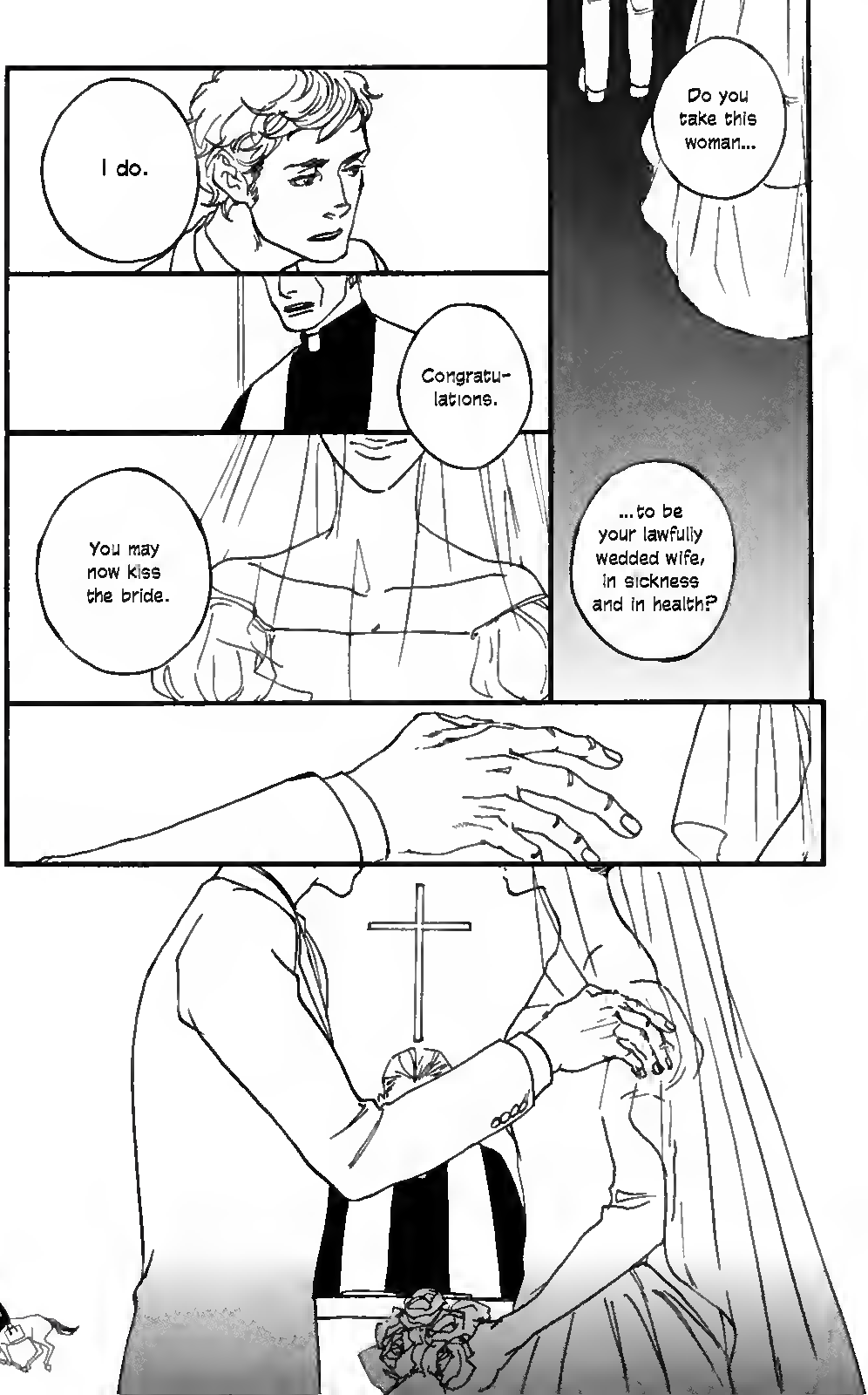
Your shoes have received good responses.
Really?
Orders for ready-made and custom-made have increased.
My father is also really happy.
I still have a long way to go.

That's enough. Please leave!
Father?
Who was that?
You don't need to know.

Will?

Land acquisition?!
Yes...
They want to build a shopping mall or something.
There is a way.
Even if we had the funds to open a shop somewhere else...
...this shop and workshop have been handed down since my grandfather's generation.
To lose it is...

Neither do I.
No, I don't.
Do you remember a girl with blond hair who came before?
One was to work at a leading shoe manufacturer he was connected with...
I was given two conditions to allow our shop to continue.
She's the mayor's daughter.
...and the other...


Do you take this woman...
I do.
Congratulations.
...to be your lawfully wedded wife, in sickness and in health?
You may now kiss the bride.

Will!

Get on!

You idiot!
What have you done?!
There was no other choice. You wouldn't have listened to me.
Because of you, the shop and workshop will be ruined!

Then, let's move to a new place!
There's no meaning...
...if you're not there!

Why are you in such a daze?
I was just remembering the past.
Which past?
The past with you.
END

Good.
Don't move
and look here.
Next.
Get closer
together!
That's good!
Look down
a little.
Good!
OK!
That's
a wrap!

Good work!
Too bad we can't use his whole body.
...he can also maintain a long career.
How nice. Rather than just being beautiful...
Shut up. I can hear you.
I have good hearing

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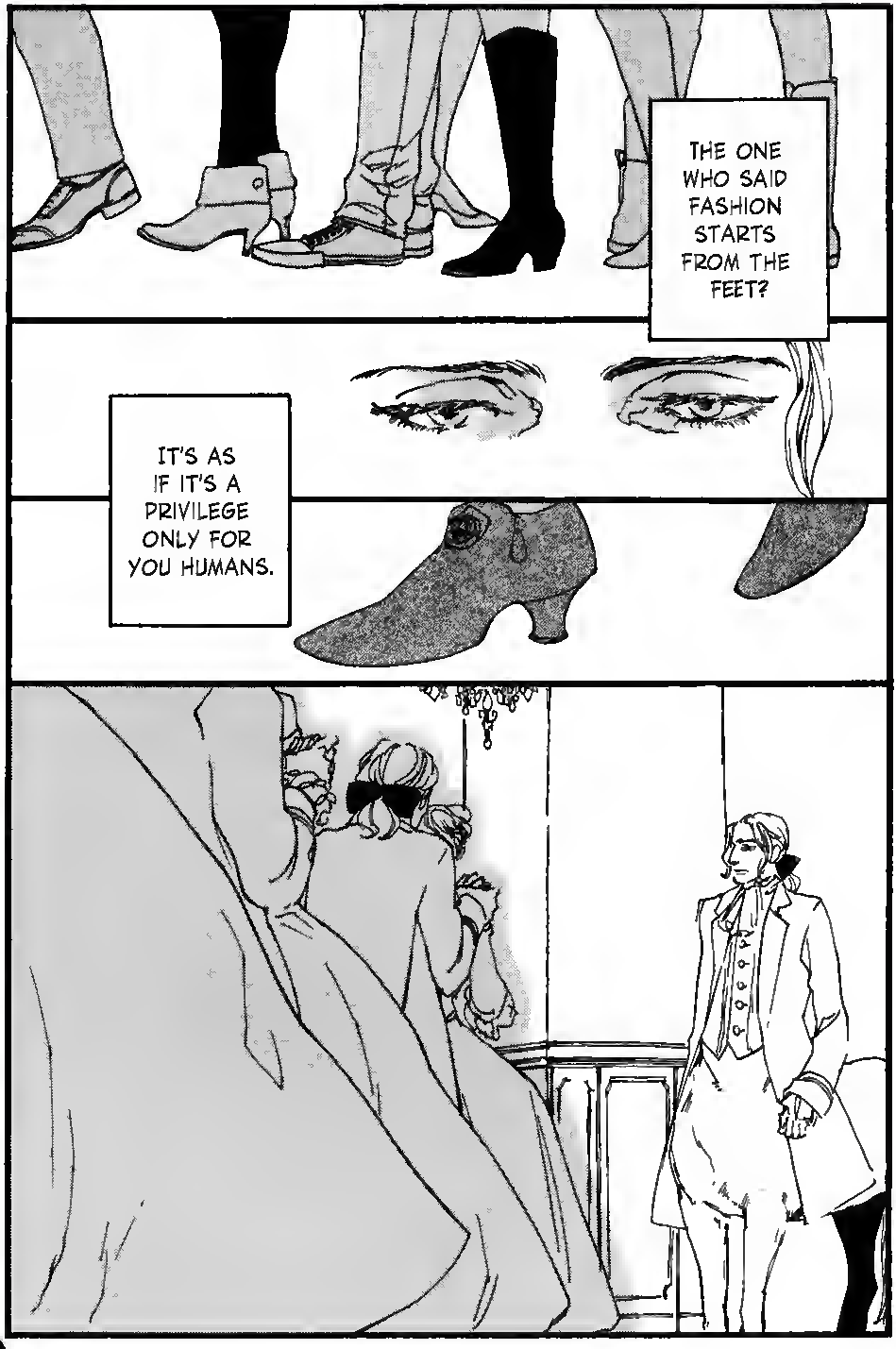
I'm on a diet.
Don't you like things sweet?
Hey! I said I wanted black coffee!
I've gotten fat.
Look.
I wouldn't know
Here are the proofs from the last photo shoot.
What's going on?! You have legs!
Huh?!
Not bad.

Heh heh. It's magic. Magic.
Huh? What do you mean?
Hmm? Is this your first time?
Good job, everyone!
No way!
We take them separately, then match them up.
Hooray for Photoshop's various compositing techniques!
He is responsible for the legs.

Look! It's a new advertisement!
He's really cool.
He doesn't get old, does he?
I first saw him over ten years ago.
Is he an android?
Ha ha ha. He might be a CG character.

Well, we do use CG...
Oh, well. At least I can relax.
No one will recognize me.
When they do, it's because I'm a Kentaur...
...not because I'm a model.
It makes me a little sad.
Um, excuse me. If you don't mind...

Can you step aside a bit?
I can't get through.
Have I been found out?!
I'm a little happy.
Oh.
Of course.
I'm sorry
.....
WHO WAS IT?

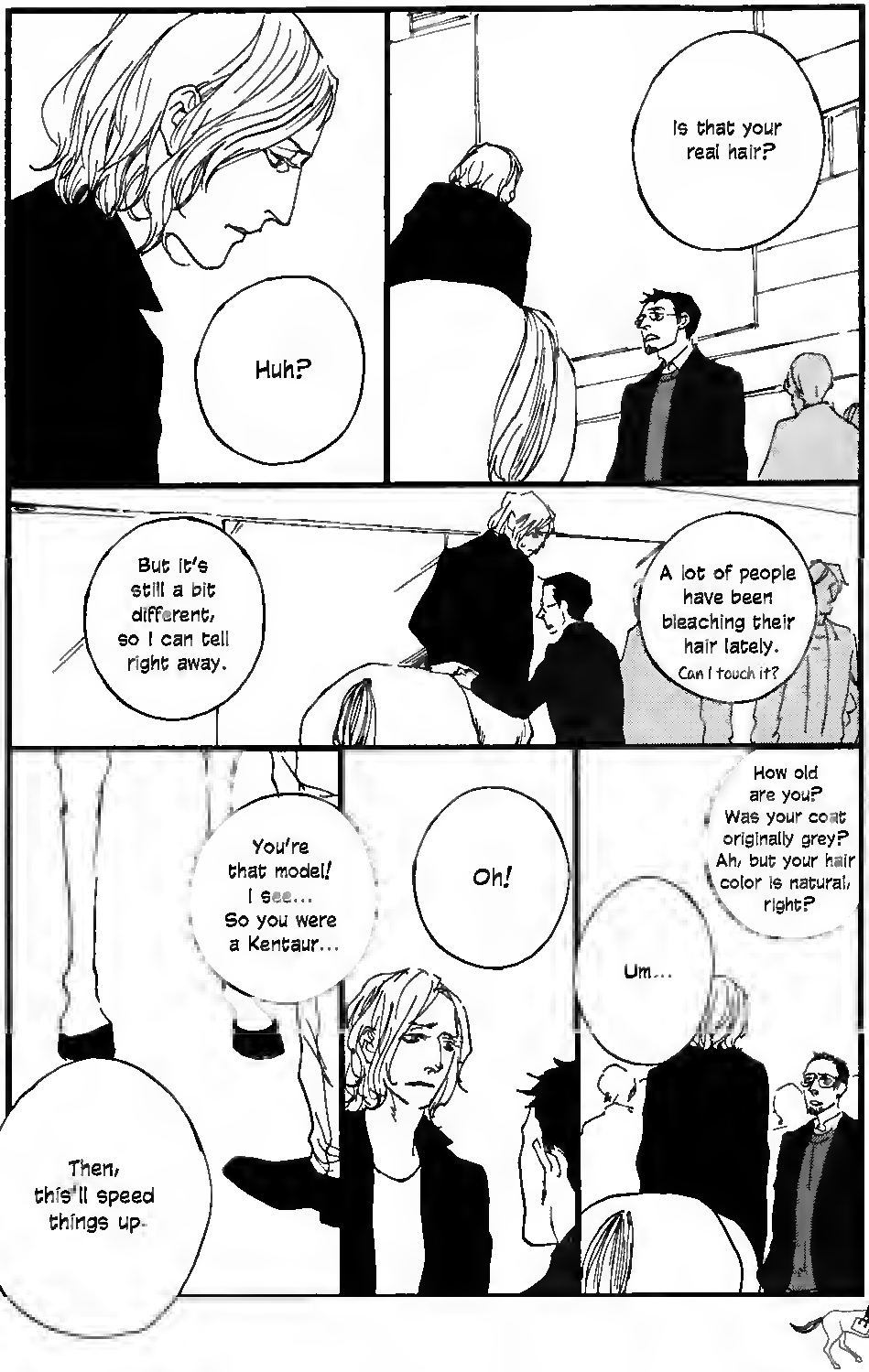

THE ONE WHO SAID FASHION STARTS FROM THE FEET?
IT'S AS IF IT'S A PRIVILEGE ONLY FOR YOU HUMANS.

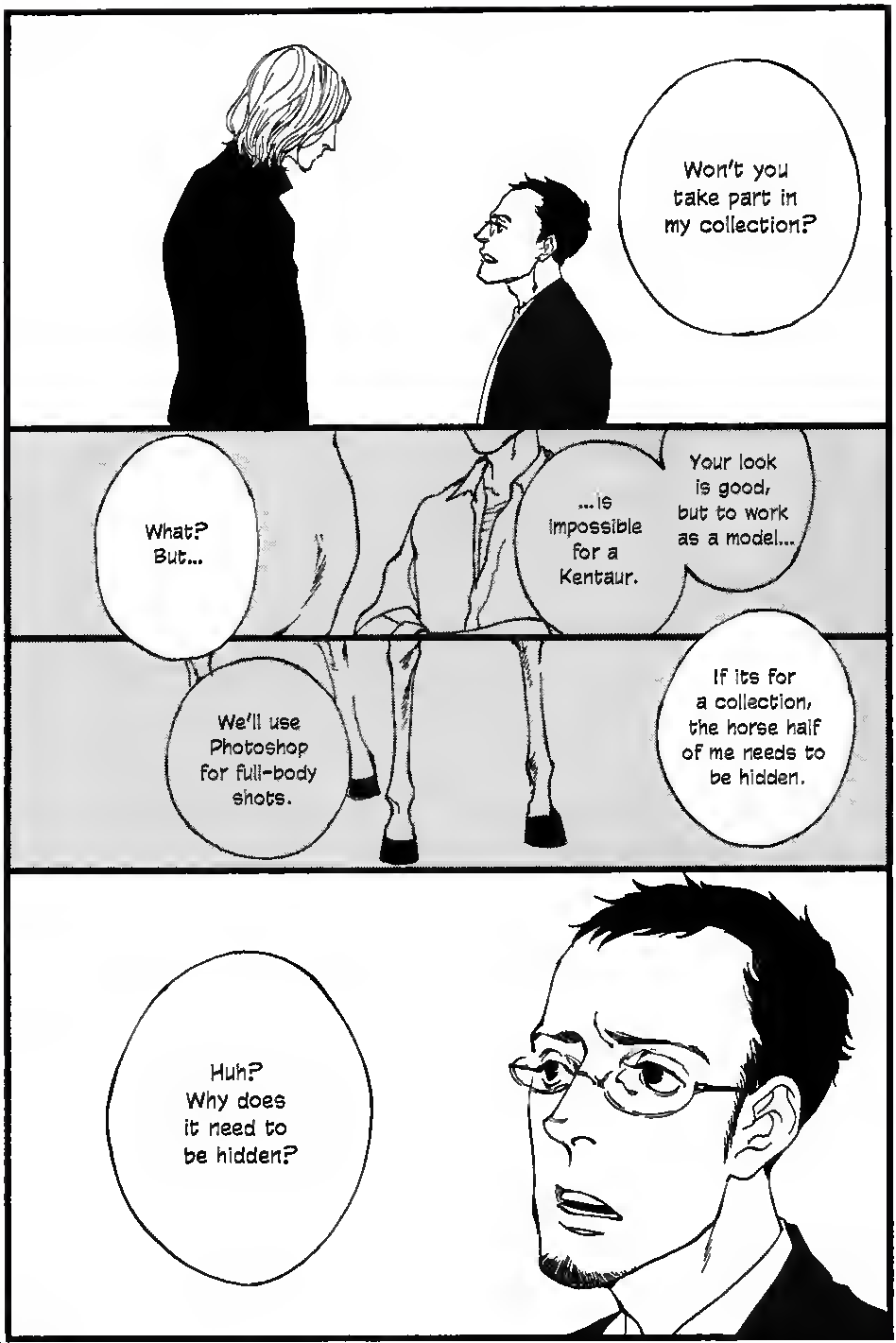
I'm going home.
I'M TIRED OF BEING JEALOUS...
...OF THE MERMAID WHO TRADED HER BEAUTIFUL VOICE FOR HUMAN LEGS.

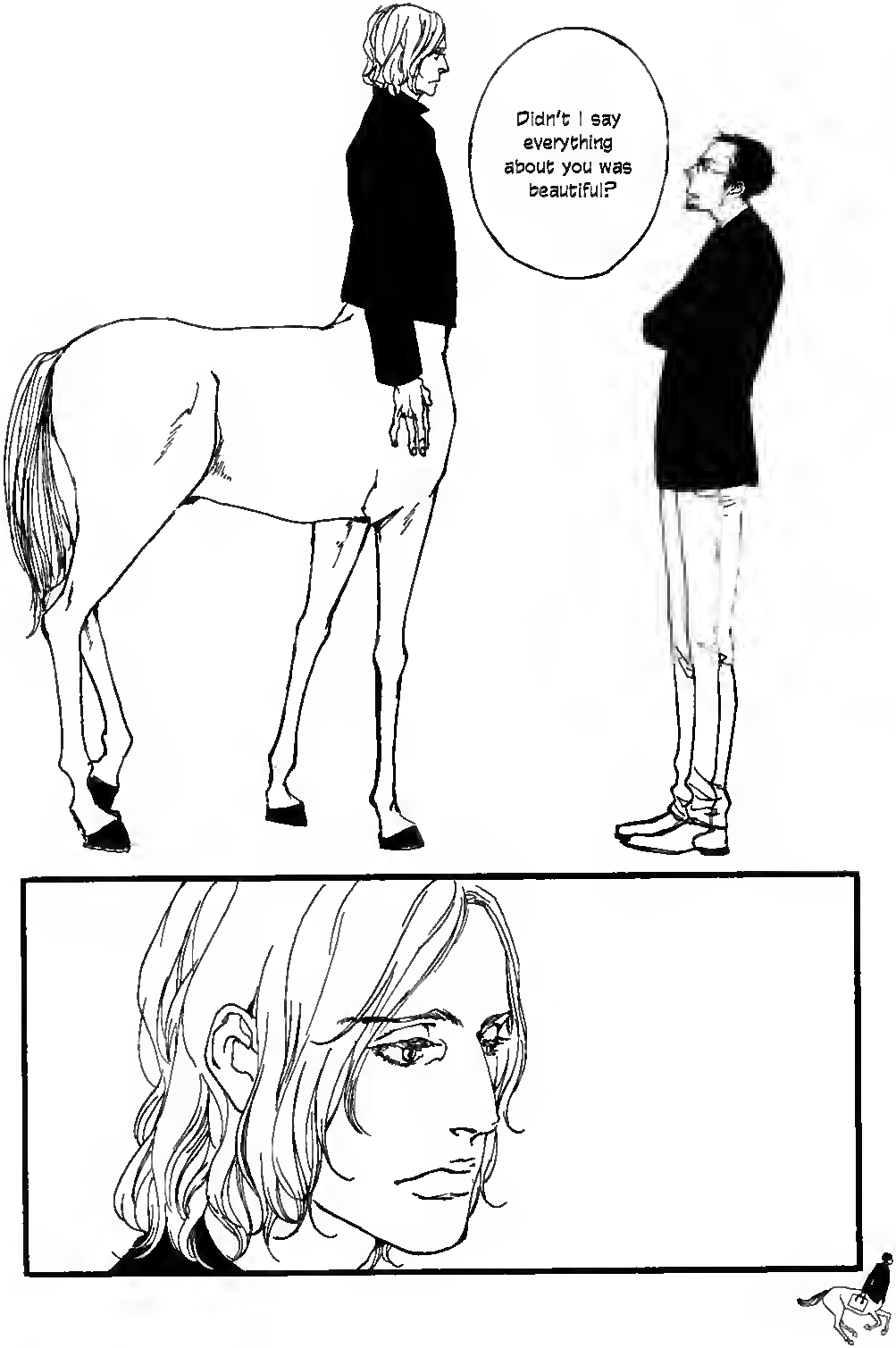
I can't continue modeling any longer.
Do you not like the new kid who's your legs?
Don't worry. We have countless replacements.
What?! You're quitting?!
What are you saying at such a busy time?!
Your schedule is packed for the next two years!
We'll arrange a pair of legs of your choice.
That's not it.
It's for personal Kentaur reasons...
I don't feel like what you're saying is wrong, but leaving like this isn't right either.

You can't stand in front of a camera with a face like that.
You'll fail as a professional.
Come back after you've refreshed yourself.
I'll introduce you to a good spa.
I don't need a spa.
I don't know if I'll return. I might become a sheepherder and live leisurely.
I won't let you come back if you get fat during your break!
Huh?! I'm not going to listen to this and tame you like some sheep.

Hey!
Hey,
I'm talking
to you!

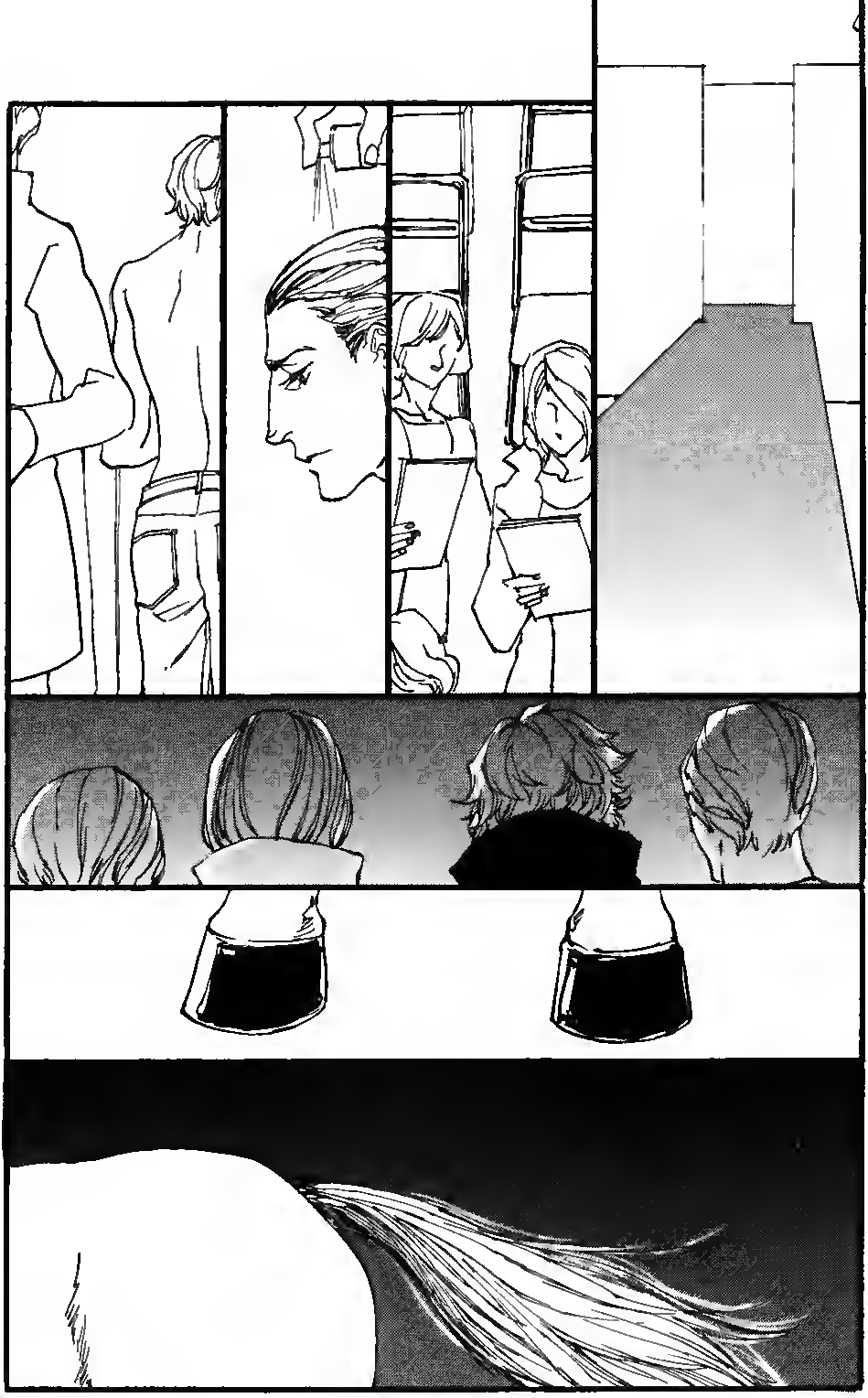

Huh?
Is that your real hair?
But it's still a bit different, so I can tell right away.
A lot of people have been bleaching their hair lately.
Can I touch it?
How old are you? Was your coat originally grey? Ah, but your hair color is natural, right?
Um...
Oh!
You're that model! I see... So you were a Kentaur...
Then, this'll speed things up-

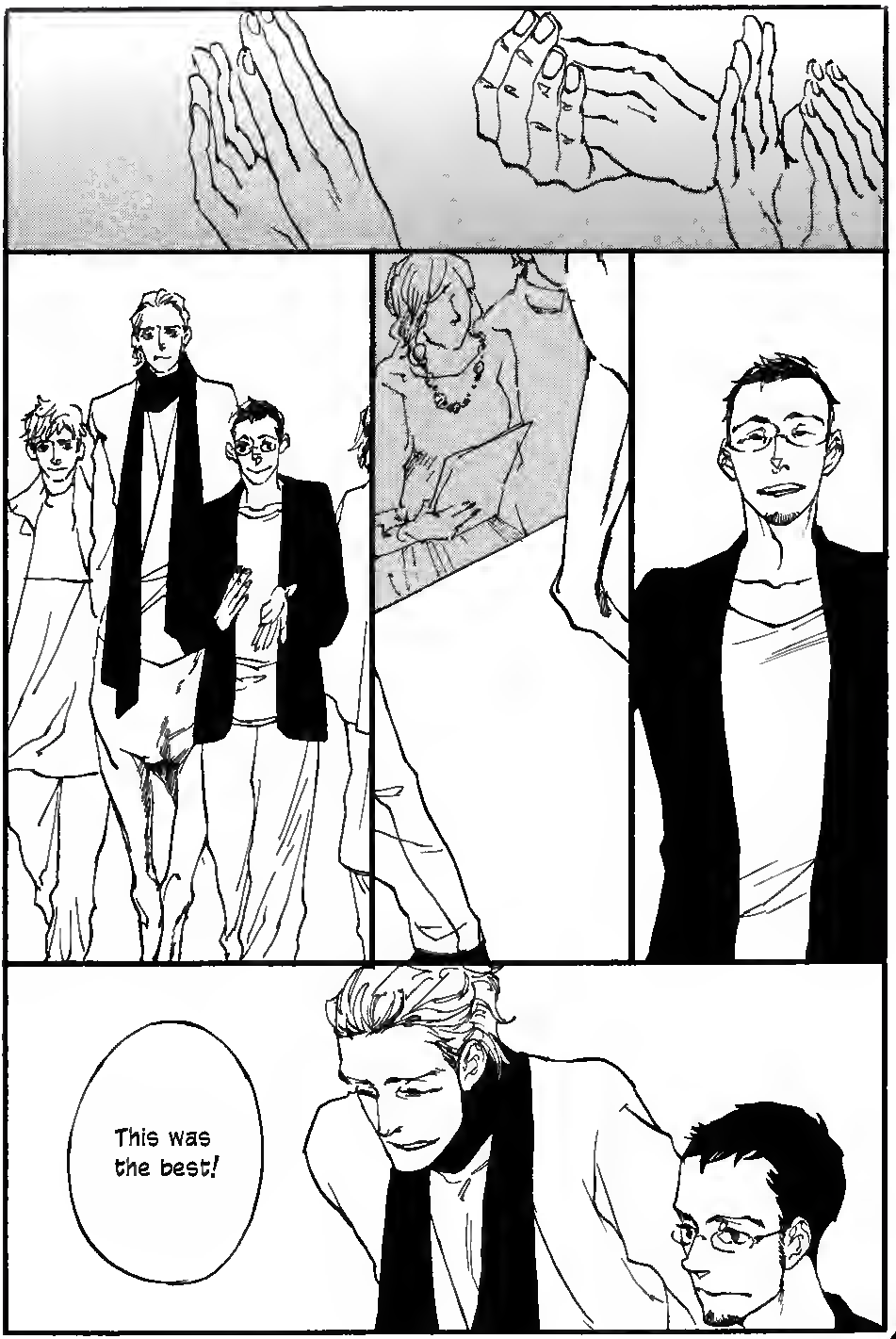

Won't you take part in my collection?
Your look is good, but to work as a model...
...is impossible for a Kentaur.
What? But...
If its for a collection, the horse half of me needs to be hidden.
We'll use Photoshop for full-body shots.
Huh? Why does it need to be hidden?


Didn't I say everything about you was beautiful?

Everyone! Let me introduce you.
Vanessa! Bring coffee without milk and sugar.
I'll talk to your company about your contract, so don't worry.
Not just as a model, I also want your input during the design stage.

The concept is original beauty.
There is meaning to you appearing as you are.




This was the best!

One of my dreams has come true.
You have others?
A lot more.

That's nice! When did you buy it?
Cool, right? I saved up my earnings from my part-time job.
I saw someone wearing it just the other day!
END

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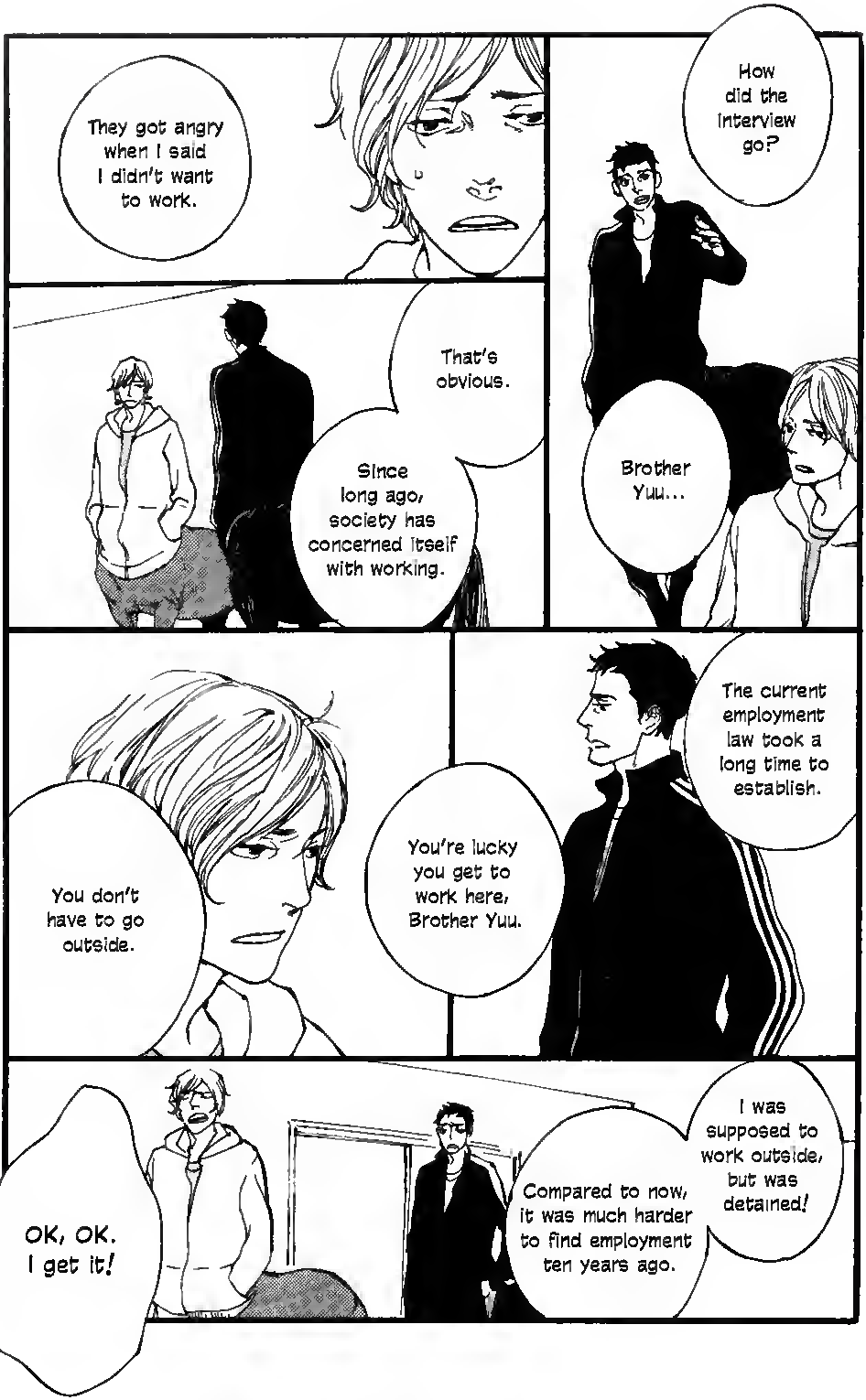
I said it the other day, too.
Like I said. I don't really want to work.
You know, carefree like in the past.
You don't even have any war experience! What, carefree?! Young people these days are-!
Whatever. It's fine.
I'm fine with being just another young punk aspiring to be a NEET.
Enough, next! I'll interview you at a later date!


They got angry when I said I didn't want to work.
How did the interview go?
That's obvious.
Since long ago, society has concerned itself with working.
Brother Yuu...
You don't have to go outside.
You're lucky you get to work here, Brother Yuu.
The current employment law took a long time to establish.
OK, OK. I get it!
Compared to now, it was much harder to find employment ten years ago.
I was supposed to work outside, but was detained!

Hey, Kentaro.
Hey, Soma!
Why do you want to work so badly?
...go job hunting! I know this is only the start, but I'm relieved.
With this, I can finally...
Look, look! I'm finally a university graduate!
There are also more people commuting to universities.
We have to try hard, since we've fallen behind.
About thirty of us have left.
I was also fine that time when I went to get learning experience.
Though I had a fever.
Hmm. If there are people around me, I'll probably be fine.
Will you be OK living in a big city all alone?

There's also no place to run freely because it's so confined.
It's noisy and the air is polluted.
Tokyo is crowded with people.
Didn't you see it on TV?
If you like to run, why not become a messenger?
I agree with you about not having a place to run...
But, still...
Many of our upperclassmen are there. If I was fast, even I would...
Did you see that special on TV the other day?

Last lap! Get on pace!
Want to run together, Soma?
No way. Isn't this a training course for messengers?
I prefer to run freely.
It's fine! Group B get ready!
Ready...!
Start!

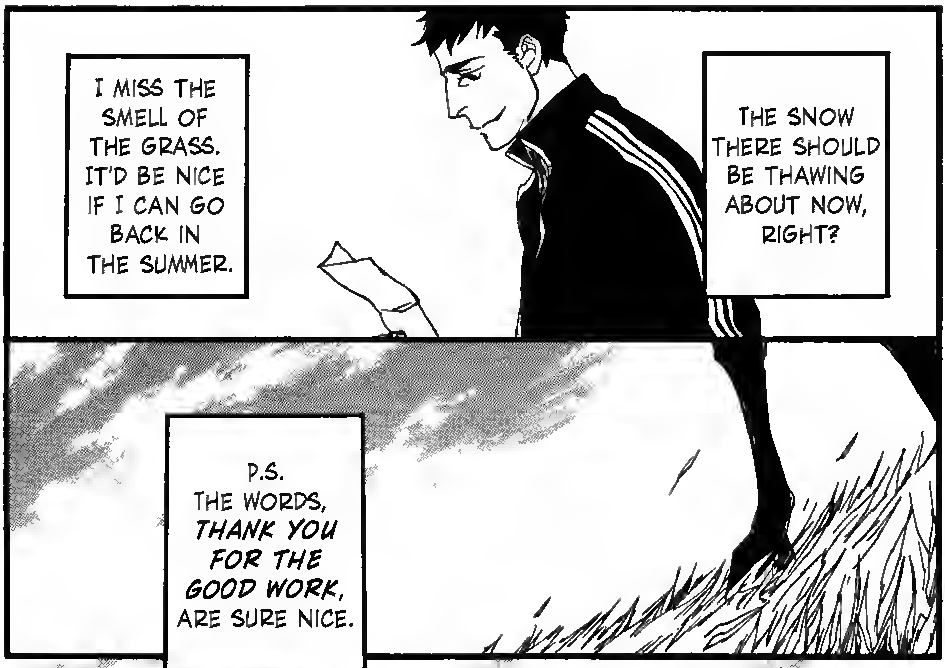
Whoa! That guy's way ahead!
Huh? Who's that running?
I thought he'd be suited for it. A running job.
It's Soma.
I always thought this, but...
...that guy looks really happy when he runs.

Brother Yuu!
Hey, Soma. How did the interview go?
I'll talk about it later.
What's with *that*?
More importantly...
...please compete with me.

HUFF
HUFF
Ha ha ha. You're a hundred years too early!
Damn it!
You've decided on your career, right?
Hey, Soma.
Yeah...

I'm sorry to keep you waiting! I'm from KT Delivery!
Yes. Thank you as always.
Oh!
This is your first time here, isn't it?
Yes! I'll be in your care!
I see, I see.
Do your best! If you don't mind, please accept this.

Thank you for the good work.
DEAR BROTHER YUUMA...
HOW ARE YOU? I HAVE GOTTEN USED TO LIVING HERE.
I'll be going ahead.
SOMETIMES I MEET KENTARO ON THE STREETS (HE'S SLOW SO I ALWAYS OVERTAKE HIM).
I STILL HAVE VERY LITTLE EXPERIENCE, SO I'M WORKING HARD UNDER MY SENIORS' GUIDANCE.


I MISS THE SMELL OF THE GRASS. IT'D BE NICE IF I CAN GO BACK IN THE SUMMER.
THE SNOW THERE SHOULD BE THAWING ABOUT NOW, RIGHT?
P.S. THE WORDS, THANK YOU FOR THE GOOD WORK, ARE SURE NICE.

THAT, AND THE SKY IN TOKYO IS WIDER THAN I THOUGHT.

GALLOP!! /END

KENTARO'S RAMBLINGS

ON FOOD

PLEASE STOP LOOKING AT ME AS I EAT HORSE MEAT SASHIMI. I CAN HEAR IT, YOU KNOW? WHISPERING, ***HE'S EATING HIS OWN KIND***, IN A LOW VOICE. YOU'RE WRONG! WE ARE SAID TO BE HERBIVORES, BUT THAT IS NOT TRUE. WE EAT ANYTHING. OF COURSE, EVERYONE HAS THEIR LIKES AND DISLIKES. OUR BODIES ARE BIG, SO IF WE DON'T EAT A LOT, OUR STRENGTH WILL RUN OUT. EXCUSE ME, SUPERVISOR... IF YOU'RE NOT FINISHING THAT, CAN I HAVE IT?

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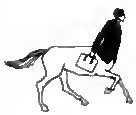
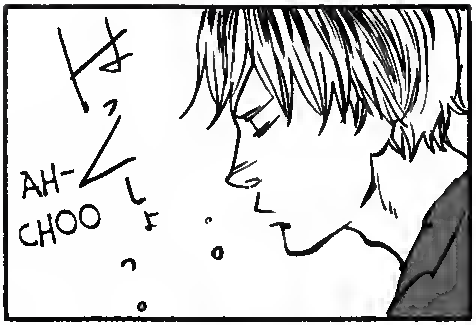


Jugemu Jugemu Goko-no surikire Kaijarisuigyo-no Suigyomatsu Uraimatsu Furaimatsu Kunerutokoro-ni Sumutokoro...
Pablo Diego Jose Francisco de Paula Juan Nepomuceno Maria de los Remedios..
Yaburakoji-no burakoji Paipopaipo Paipo-no-shurigan Shurigan-no Gurindai Gurindai-no Ponpokopi-no Ponpokona-no
...Crispin Cripriano de la Santisima Trinidad...
...Chokyumei-no Chosuke
...Ruiz y Picasso
Can you stop that already?
Mr Jugemu has also lived a very, very long life
He did, but not in the way that you think
Mr. Picasso must have lived a very long time.!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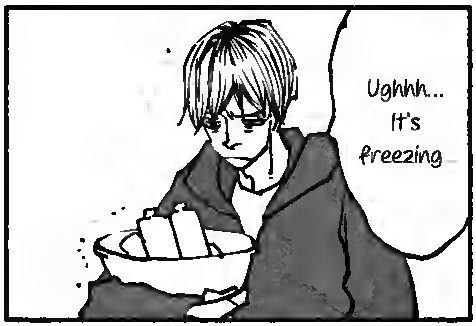
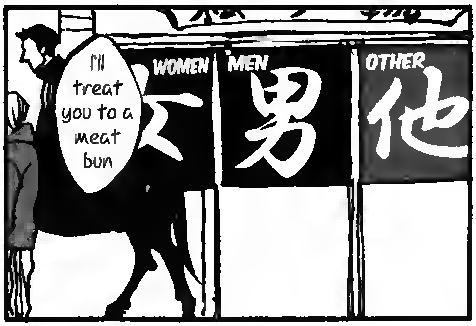
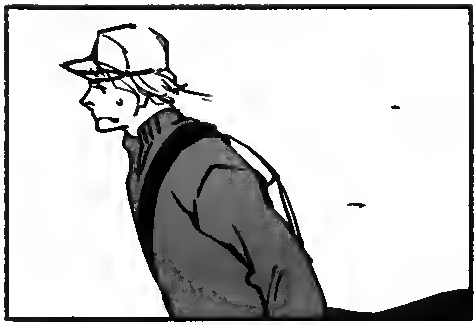

Ughhh...
It's freezing

Was there a Kentaur nearby?

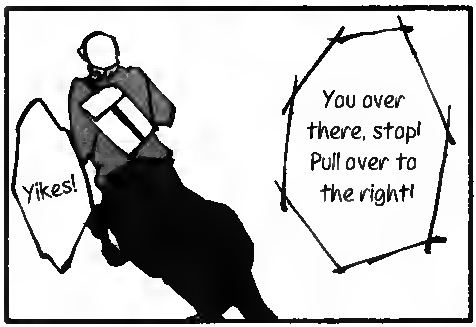
You're late!
Sorry You waited?

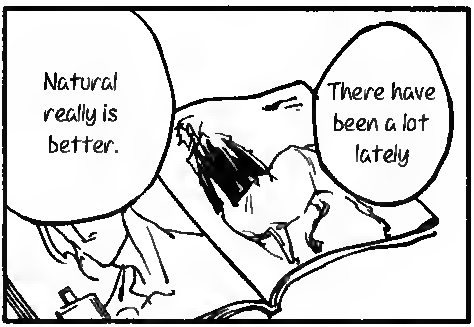
What's with those shoes?

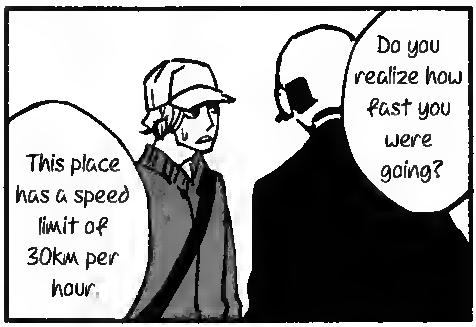

I'll treat you to a meat bun
WOMEN
MEN
男
OTHER
他



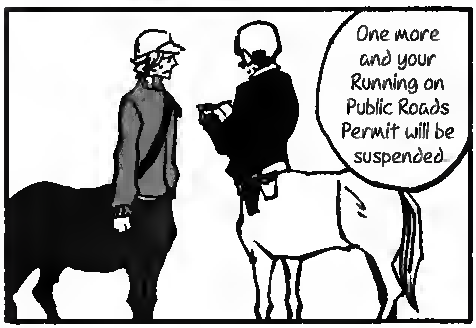
Hey. you're right.
Huh? Was this model also a Kentaur?

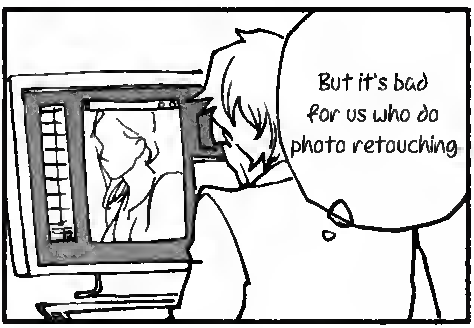

Yikes!
You over there, stop! Pull over to the right!

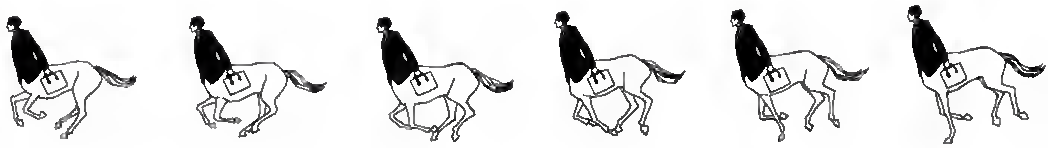

Natural really is better.
There have been a lot lately


This place has a speed limit of 30km per hour.
Do you realize how fast you were going?

It's fine if he came out of the closet.


One more and your Running on Public Roads Permit will be suspended.


But it's bad for us who do photo retouching



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I never even dreamed that the Kentauros I quietly drew could lead to commercial presentation. I was filled with happiness and surprise. I encountered Kentauros while reading Greek mythology long ago. But, what made me want to draw a comic about them was when I watched a toreador in Spain. Nimbly and lightly dodging the bull, it was as if the bottom half of the toreador was a horse. The ancient Greeks must have also been surprised when they first saw people riding horses and imagined such creatures. I am truly thankful to both all those involved in the publication of this comic and to all those who have bought this comic. I hope that I will meet you all again with the next book.

I wonder if Kentauros truly do exist somewhere out there...

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